

**Resolution to Support the 2013-2015 Funding for
Clean Water Management Trust Fund**

Whereas the 1996 General Assembly established the Clean Water Management Trust Fund to provide an innovative and non-regulatory approach to the protection and restoration of the surface waters all across the state; and

Whereas the Clean Water Management Trust Fund is a non-regulatory program established to help meet infrastructure needs of municipalities and counties, restore degraded surface water, protect watersheds, increase recreational opportunities, and enhance quality of life in this state, all critical components for communities to obtain a competitive edge in their economic development; and

Whereas the Clean Water Management Trust Fund has funded 452 infrastructure projects to assist North Carolina communities in balancing infrastructure needs with environmental protection and to help struggling communities become self reliant with future infrastructure needs; and

Whereas infrastructure needs across the state addressing drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater are estimated at \$16.6 billion between 2005 and 2030; and

Whereas the Clean Water Management Trust Fund has leveraged more than \$1billion of private, local and federal funds to support projects; and

Whereas the General Assembly has reduced funding for the Clean Water Management Trust Fund by 78% since 2010; and

Whereas limited funding for the Clean Water Management Trust Fund left 88% of 2012 critical local needs unmet; and

Whereas our economic vitality, health and ability to sustain ourselves and the natural environment all rely on clean water; and

Whereas surface water must be protected to ensure a sufficient drinking water supply for the state's growing economy and population; and

Whereas, the Clean Water Management Trust Fund has provided grant(s) to the City of Durham to protect, restore and enhance surface water quality for the benefit of citizens' health and well-being, and to protect our natural heritage for the benefit of all North Carolinians;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURHAM:

Supports the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and requests that the fund receive an increase in recurring funding from the governor and the North Carolina General assembly for the 2013-2015 biennial budget.

This resolution is effective upon adoption.